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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF THOSE TENTATIVE AND
UNOFFICIAL EVENT SCENARIOS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE
TO DEVELOP THUS FAR. THEY ARE BASED ON COMMENTS
MADE TO DCM BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BALEWA. WE ALSO
HAVE VERY ROUGH SKETCHES FOR THESE EVENTS.

SCENARIO OF AIRPORT ARRIVAL

2. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE MET BY GENERAL OBASANJO
AS HE DESCENDS FROM THE LANDING STAIRS. AS THEY
BREIFLY CONVERSE, A FEW OTHERS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL
PARTY WILL BE ESCORTED BEHIND THE HIGH-RANKING NIGERIANS
WHO ARE LINED UP ALONG THE RED CARPET LEADING TO THE
VIP BUILDING. THESE AMERICANS WILL THEN TAKE POSITION
ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER, IN PROTOCL ORDER, BEYOND THE
NIGERIAN OFFICIALS WHO ARE LINED UP ALONG THE RED
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CARPET. GENERAL OBASANJO WILL THEN INTRODUCE PRESIDENT
CARTER TO EACH OF THESE NIGERIAN OFFICIALS. THEY WILL
INCLUDE THE CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME HEADQUARTERS; THE
SERVICE CHIEFS; THE COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS;
THE GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE; THE SECRETARY OF THE
FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT; A FEW OTHER NIGERIAN
OFFICIALSAND THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

CONTINUING DOWN THE RED CARPET, PRESIDENT CARTER
WILL INTRODUCE THE AMERICANS TO GENERAL OBASANJO.

3. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE WILL THEN PROCEED DOWN THE
RED CARPET, TURN TO THE RIGHT AND ENTER THE VIP BUILDING.
THEY WILL ENTER THE EXECUTIVE LOUNGE AND TURN RIGHT INTO
THE PRESIDENTIAL LOUNGE, WHERE THEY WILL SPEND FIVE TO
10 MINUTES. WHILE THEY ARE TALKING, THE OTHERS PRESENT
AT THE AIRPORT WILL GET INTO THEIR CARS, ALL OF WHICH
WILL BE LINED UP BEHIND GENERAL OBASANJO'S CAR AND
PRESIDENT CARTER'S CAR AT THE HEAD OF THE PROCESSION.
THE TWO HEADS OF STATE WILL THEN COME OUT OF THE VIP
BUILDING AND GET INTO THEIR CARS. THE MOTORCADE WILL
INCLUDE FOUR SPECIAL CARS PROVIDED BY THE FMG FOR THE
AMERICAN GROUP: CARS FOR MRS. CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE,
MRS. VANCE, AND A BACKUP CAR FOR THE PRESIDENT.

4. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BALEWA ESTIMATES THAT THIS EVENT
SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 25 MINUTES ALTOGETHER.

SCENARIO OF WELCOMING CEREMONY AT DODAN BARRACKS

5. AS THE PRESIDENT ALIGHTS FROM HIS CAR HE WILL BE
MET BY GENERAL OBASANJO AND A 21-GUN SALUTE WILL
COMMENCE. THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL OBASANJO WILL
THEN PROCEED TO A Dais WHICH FACES THE ASSEMBLED
GUARD OF HONOR. HIGH-RANKING NIGERIANS WILL BE
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BEHIND THEM AND TO THEIR LEFT, AND THEY WILL BE
JOINED (IN A STRAIGHT LINE) BY THOSE AMERICANS WHO
ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT. FIRST THE AMERICAN AND THEN
THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL ANTHEMS WILL BE PLAYED. THE
COMMANDER OF THE GUARD OF HONOR WILL THEN ACCOMPANY
THE PRESIDENT AS HE INSPECTS THE GUARD OF HONOR. AT
THE END OF THIS INSPECTION IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THE
VISITING HEAD OF STATE TO THANK THE LEADER OF THE BAND,
WHICH IS PLACED BEHIND THE GUARD OF HONOR. THE
PRESIDENT THEN RETURNS TO THE Dais TO REJOIN GENERAL
OBASANJO.

6. IF THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO MAKE WELCOMING REMARKS
HE WOULD DO SO AT THIS POINT AND GENERAL OBASANJO WOULD
REPLY. (THE NIGERIANS DO NOT USUALLY INCLUDE WELCOMING
REMARKS IN THIS CEREMONY BUT ARE QUITE PREPARED TO DO SO
IF THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY. THEY
ARE WAITING TO HEAR FROM US ON THIS.) THE TWO HEADS OF
STATE WILL THEN GREET THE NIGERIAN OFFICIALS STANDING IN
LINE AND THE GROUP OF AMERICANS DIRECTLY BEYOND THEM.

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THEY WILL THEN WALK INTO THE BUILDING WHERE THE BILATERAL TALKS
ARE TO TAKE PLACE.

7. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BALEWA ESTIMATES THAT THIS ENTIRE EVENT WILL
TAKE 30 MINUTES WITHOUT WELCOMING REMARKS, AND PERHAPS 40 MINUTES
IF WELCOMING REMARKS ARE MADE.

SCENARIO OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS:

8. THESE TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN DODAN BARRACKS AND THE
PRESENTLY PLANNED DURATION IS AN HOUR AND A HALF. ONLY FIVE OR SIX
NIGERIAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS AND THE
FMG WOULD LIKE TO KNOW JUST WHO WILL PARTICIPATE ON THE AMERICAN
SIDE. OTHER NIGERIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING ON STANDBY
IF THEY SHOULD BE NEEDED.

SCENARIO OF SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL THEATER:

9. THE PRESIDENT WILL ENTER THE AUDITORIUM AND TURN TO HIS RIGHT
TO GO UP THE STAIRS ONTO THE STAGE. THE FOUR SEATS BEHIND THE
LONG TABLE ON THE STAGE WILL BE OCCUPIED BY THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY
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VANCE AND TWO NIGERIAN OFFICIALS. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE ANOTHER

SIX SEATS BEHIND THEM, TWO OF WHICH WILL BE OCCUPIED BY SECURITY MEN.

10. VIPS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE BALCONY, WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS A, B, C, ETC. INVITATIONS WILL NOT INCLUDE SEAT NUMBERS BUT WILL SHOW IN WHICH SECTION THE INVITEE IS TO SIT.

11. PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE LOCATED TO THE RIGHT AND LEFT OF THE GROUND FLOOR CLOSE TO THE STAGE.

12. THE AUDITORIUM SEATS 5000 AND THE U.S. MISSION WILL BE ABLE TO INVITE AT LEAST 500 AMERICANS.

SCENARIO OF BANQUET AT THE FEDERAL PALACE HOTEL:

13. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE RECEIVED BY GENERAL OBASANJO AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOTEL. GENERAL OBASANJO WILL THEN ESCORT THE PRESIDENT AND A SMALL GROTP INTO A WAITING ROOM WHERE THEY WILL HAVE COCKTAILS FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE COCKTAILS IN THE BANQUET HALL ITSELF.

14. THE GROUP IN THE WAITING ROOM WILL ENTER THE BANQUET HALL AFTER THE OTHERS THERE HAVE BEEN SEATED. THE PRESIDENT, GENERAL OBASANJO AND AN EQUAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS AND NIGERIANS WILL SIT AT ONE SIDE OF THE HEAD TABLE FACING GUESTS WHO WILL LINE BOTH SIDES OF THREE TABLES AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE HEAD TABLE. THE PRESS AND A RAISED STAGE WILL BE LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE BANQUET HALL, AS WILL A POLICE BAND. CULTURAL PERFORMANCES WILL BE GIVEN ON THE STAGE DURING THE DINNER.

14. TOASTS WILL BE OFFERED AT THE END OF THE MEAL AND BEFORE THE COFFEE.

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15. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BALEWA EXPECTS ABOUT 120 PERSONS TO ATTEND THE BANQUET, BUT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL PRESS. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE NAMES OF THE AMERICANS WHO WILL ATTEND.

SCENARIO OF CENOTAPH CEREMONY:

16. THIS CEREMONY WILL ONLY TAKE FIVE TO TEN MINUTES.

17. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COLONEL IN CHARGE OF THE GUARD OF HONOR. NO NATIONAL ANTHEM WILL BE PLAYED BUT THERE WILL BE A SALUTE TO THE PRESIDENT.

18. THE PRESIDENT WILL FIRST INSPECT THE GUARD OF HONOR, THEN PASS THROUGH AN ARCH, PROCEED DOWN THE RED CARPET AND STOP AT THE STEPS. MILITARY MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED AT THIS POINT. THE PRESIDENT

WILL THEN WALK FORWARD AND BE JOINED ON EACH SIDE BY TWO SOLDIERS WITH FLOWERS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM AND HELP HIM PLACE THE FLOWERS AGAINST THE MONUMENT.

19. THE PRESIDENT WILL STAND ALONE IN FRONT OF THE MONUMENT FOR A COUPLE OF MOMENTS, THEN TURN AND GO BACK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE STEPS.

20. THERE WILL THEN BE SOME MORE MILITARY MUSIC, AND THAT WILL BE THE END OF THE CEREMONY.

SCENARIO OF AIRPORT DEPARTURE:

21. THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS HERE WILL GENERALLY BE THE REVERSE OF THAT USED UPON ARRIVAL. PRESIDENT CARTER AND GENERAL OBASANJO WILL ENTER THE VIP BUILDING AND PASS THROUGH THE PRESS LOUNGE. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE PRESS AT THIS TIME IF HE DESIRES TO GIVE THEM HIS IMPRESSIONS OF HIS VISIT. IF HE DOES THAT, GENERAL OBASANJO WILL PRECEDE HIM INTO THE PRESIDENTIAL LOUNGE. OTHERWISE THE TWO HEADS OF STATE WILL ENTER THE PRESIDENTIAL LOUNGE
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AND SPEND FIVE TO TEN MINUTES THERE IN CONVERSATION. THEY WILL THEN LEAVE THE VIP BUILDING, TURN LEFT AND GO DOWN THE RED CARPET TO THE DAIS.

22. AT THIS POINT THERE WILL BE NATIONAL ANTHEMS, AN INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOR AND A 21-GUN SALUTE. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS CEREMONY THE TWO HEADS OF STATE WILL TURN AROUND AND FACE THE WAITING AIRCRAFT WITH A GROUP OF NIGERIAN OFFICIALS IN FRONT ON THEIR LEFT AND A GROUP OF AMERICANS IN FRONT ON THEIR RIGHT. GENERAL OBASANJO WILL SHAKE HANDS WITH ALL THE AMERICANS AND THE PRESIDENT WILL THEN SAY GOOD-BYE TO ALL THE NIGERIANS. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE WILL SAY GOOD-BYE TO EACH OTHER AND THE PRESIDENT WILL BOARD AIR FORCE ONE.

23. THE EVENT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 30 MINUTES IF NO REMARKS ARE MADE TO THE PRESS.
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